GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Antiretroviral Drugs to HIV Patients
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to provide free treatment to HIV/AIDS patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has stressed for access of Antiretroviral drugs to all HIV patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with necessary steps taken in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): Yes. Government is providing free ART treatment to HIV/AIDS Patients since 2004. National AIDS Control Organization is providing free treatment services through 528 ART Centers and 1108 Link ART Centers. Currently, there are 10,23,640 People living with HIV (PLHIV) on ART including 57230 children, 15500 on Second Line and 270 PLHIV on Third Line ART.

(c): Yes. WHO in its Anti Retroviral Therapy Guidelines 2016 has recommended treat all strategy, covering all PLHIVs irrespective of age/population/ CD4 count.

(d): Current ART National Guidelines for India is already following treat all policy for;
I. Pregnant/Breastfeeding women

II. Children below 5 years of age

III. HIV patients with TB or Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C or Kala Azar co-infections.

IV. PLHIV with WHO Clinical Stage III and IV
In addition, treat all policy for sero discordant and key population has been approved.